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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hirokazu Yashiro et al.

Serial No.: 09/493,983

Examiner: B. Mullins

Filed: January 28, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2834

For: MOTOR AND TURBO-MOLECULAR PUMP

Docket No.: 1018.1117101

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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By

David M. Crompton

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2000, please consider the following response:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated December 7, 2000. The Office Action stated that two distinct species had been identified. Election of species was requested. Applicants elect Group I without traverse. Group I corresponds to claims 1-16.

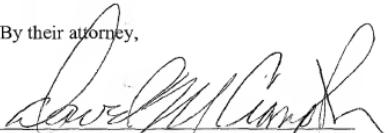
Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Hirokazu Yashiro et al.

By their attorney,

Dated: 12/24/00


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